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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: Compostable Packaging Materials and Methods

Examiner: M. A. Patterson

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) AND**  
**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This submission is in response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2008 ("the Action"), and is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time of Three Months, a Request for Continued Examination, and the requisite fees. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.